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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-captioned case.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 1:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/553,600, filed April 20, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/883,862, filed June 27, 1997 (and which includes a continued prosecution application filed September 24, 1999).

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein.

Please add claims 27-46 as set forth below: